

**APPENDIX 3-18**  
**WATER DEPLETION**

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### 1. Mining Process Water

Water lost due to use in mining process - measured as percentage moisture of coal hauled to customer.  $2,000,000 \text{ tons/yr} \times 2\% = 29.4 \text{ acre feet}$

### 2. Ventilation Evaporation

Water lost due to ventilation currents drying out mine water.

Estimated at 2.5 gallons per million cfm annually.

Estimated maximum 1,000,000 million cfm at 2.5 gallons = 40 acre feet.

### 3. Sediment Pond Evaporation

Water lost to evaporation in sediment pond.

Estimated to be one acre foot per year.

### 4. Subsidence Effect on Springs

Estimated at zero because of no known effects of spring disruption.

### 5. Direct Use

Pumped from creek for crusher building use - goes into sediment pond.

Estimated at 2 acre feet per year in use but is not actually lost. Assume no loss.

### 6. Alluvial Loss

None

### 7. Deep Aquifer Pumpage

None

### 8. Mine Discharge

Genwal has discharged at 500 gpm (approximately 800 acre feet per year) for the past 6 years. This is all old water according to the Mayo age dating studies. This is water that enters the watershed, therefore there is presently a net gain to the watershed of more than 700 acre feet:

$800 - (29.4 + 40 + 1) = 800 \text{ ac.ft. added, less } 70.4 \text{ ac.ft. depleted} = 729.6 \text{ ac.ft.}$

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